

Fourth Call-Out, 14 Men, Departs for Army Service

With 13 volunteers and one draftee in the contingent, the fourth draft call-out group from this district left Torrance this morning on a special bus for a Los Angeles induction station.

They were given a cordial public farewell at an hour's program in front of the Civic Auditorium which was attended by several hundred relatives and friends.

Most of those present were Japanese who carried American flags and waved them vigorously as Carl D. Steele, chairman of the Selective Service Board, finished giving final instructions to the contingent.

A last-minute change in the roster forced postponement of one volunteer's entrance into Army training and the addition of a draftee who was transferred to Selective Service Board No. 290 from Petaluma.

The volunteer who was ordered to await the fifth call-out was Yoshito Nakamoto, 26, farm laborer, Rt. 1, Box 108, Torrance, while the draftee added to the group was George Masao Yoshiki of Petaluma.

Civic and American Legion officials of Torrance, Lomita and Gardena participated in the goodbye program and the Torrance high school band played several selections before the contingent left at 8:45 a. m.

The volunteers in the group were: Earl Egel, 27, motor mechanic, 2534 Applin Way, Lomita; Floyd Ramsey, 23, concrete steeler, 2343 251st st., Torrance; Kazunobu Tamura, 25, store manager, 16901 So. Arlington, Gardena; Floyd Fay Ramsey, 23, concrete steeler, 2343 251st st., Torrance; Eliza Glenn Smith, 33, commission salesman, employed at the National Home Appliance Co., 2117 Torrancia Blvd., Torrance; George Iwanaga, 23, farm laborer, P. O. Box 374, Waltham; Kazuo Sumida, 23, truck garbender, 947 Lomita Blvd., Lomita; Harry Melvin Eaves, 23, vegetable oil worker, 2415 Moon Ave., Lomita; Jack Albert Hall, 24, truck driver, 2447 Redondo-Wilmington Blvd., Lomita; Dr. Robert James Campbell, 26, chiropractor, 1105 Via Pinzon, Palos Verdes Estates; Dale Ralph Howe, 24, student carpenter, 1305 Anapola Ave., Torrance; Walter Bowen McCartney, 23, unemployed, Box 115, Lomita; Carmel Alden, 23, auto mechanic, 2267 Soanona Ave., Torrance.

SCOUT HONOR COURT AND FIELD DAY OPEN TO EVERY RESIDENT ON MARCH 28 - 29

Boy Scouts in Action—this is the theme of a district-wide two day program of Scouting activities to be held in Torrance Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29. The entire community is invited to attend and secure first hand knowledge of the work that is to be broadened to include many more boys thru the Boy Scout drive now under way.

4 Homes Entered by Burglars

Four home burglaries and theft of 8 1/2 pounds of mercury, valued at \$214, from 11 oil rig meters were reported to police here during the past week. The mercury thefts are being investigated by local officers, sheriff's deputies and a private detective agency.

Identity of the burglar who ransacked Mrs. Iola Young's home at 1610 Cota st. early Sunday morning is known to police and Chief John Stroh says every effort is being made to apprehend him. The man, known to have a long prison record, is believed to have been implicated in most of the house-robberies here during the past several months.

He jimmied open a window of Mrs. Young's home and, after ransacking the place, took only a pair of shoes, some cigarettes and a small amount of money. Later police found his car parked on Plaza del Amo and it contained the loot in addition to a complete kit of burglar tools.

Last Friday Mrs. Mary Foster of 2035 218th street reported her house was entered between 1 and 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and a purse, containing about \$2, removed from a dresser drawer in her bedroom.

Herb Bishop of 1412 Manuel ave. informed police early Sunday morning that his home was entered between 4 and 5 o'clock and a small undetermined sum of money taken. Entry was effected thru a French door whose screen was removed and a small part of the upper part of the door carved out to release the catch.

A Luger pistol, relic of World War I, was reported taken from F. B. "Pat" Boyle's home at 1229 Acacia st. sometime during the 40 days preceding Sunday. The gun was in a drawer in the boy's bedroom but the owner did not know exactly when it was taken.

Steel Workers Hear Report On Conference

An overflow crowd of approximately 600 gathered in the Steelworkers' hall on Craven ave. last Thursday night to hear Carl D. Steele, head of the Torrance S. W. O. C. Lodge No. 1414, report on his trip to Pittsburgh where negotiations were conducted regarding a new contract between the S. W. O. C. and United States Steel Corp.

Steele, who returned last Thursday morning with the nine demands made by the C. I. O. organization on the parent corporation of the Columbia Steel Company, reported in detail at the meeting the remarks of C. I. O. leaders at the conference. The local lodge assembly, Steele said later, was the largest the Torrance organization has held in the last four years. The U. S. Steel Corp. has until today to reply to the S. W. O. C. demands, chief of which are a 10-cent an hour increase in pay and the "checkoff" system of having union dues taken out of the employees' paychecks by the office.

President Steele points out that rumors and reports of an impending strike are "absolutely without foundation" and urges local residents and workers to await decisions which will be made in the east.

Jr. Chamber Again Endorses Scouting

During the course of a dinner-meeting at Attebery's Ranch Dinner House Monday night in honor of President Jack Elder who is leaving soon to enter Army training, members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce endorsed the current Boy Scout fund drive and program for the third time.

Speakers at the meeting who commended the movement to revive Scouting in this city were Postmaster Earl Conner, Judge Robert Lessing, Councilman Vern Babcock and D. A. Murphy. About 20 were present.

ZAMPERINI IN ARMY Louis Zamperini entered U. S. air corps training as a cadet yesterday afternoon at Santa Maria. Since leaving U.S.C., where he was an outstanding miler and captain of the 1940 track team, Zamperini has been employed at the Lockheed Aircraft factory in Burbank.

Shop Training Ready

Next Monday night the first national defense class in a "refresher" course of blueprint reading, shop mathematics and drafting will start at Torrance high school, Principal Thomas H. Elson announced today. The instructor will be James Vandegrift, a National Supply Co. worker who has been certified by the State board of education and the Los Angeles city school board.

"We have more than 50 men registered for this instruction but we can only accommodate about half that number in the first class," Principal Elson said. "However, just as soon as we can get another instructor we will start a second class."

There are not enough enrolled for an afternoon class to start one at that time, Elson reported. The evening class will meet from 7 to 9 o'clock.

No word has been received by the high school as yet concerning installation of additional and new machinery for shop courses but Principal Elson is hoping that the facilities will be made available for Torrance men in the near future.

Aircraft Parts Plant to Employ 300 Men Here

A new industrial plant that will employ approximately 300 men to start is to be launched in Torrance as a direct result of the national defense program, it was learned this week.

Edmond R. Doak, president of the Doak Aircraft Co. of Hermosa Beach, has about completed negotiations for the lease of a unit of the Torrance Flat Glass plant at 224th st. and Eshelman ave. where he will manufacture aircraft parts.

Machinery for the new plant is expected to start arriving here by April 1. Doak has informed Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the chamber of commerce that he will use the parts to be made here at his assembly plant in Hermosa Beach. He has definitely abandoned plans to move his Hermosa plant to a new location because of the need for speed in meeting national defense orders for his planes.

Only one unit of the Torrance glass plant, which has figured so largely in the news during the past week or so because of allegations of its "theft," will be used by the Doak company. There remains other units of 20,000, 15,000, 7,000 and two of 12,000 square feet at that plant which are as yet unoccupied.

Madrid, Torrance Blvd. Projects Are Combined

A plan that includes the proposed Madrid ave. improvement in the Torrancia Blvd. reconstruction program, suggested as a WPA project has been submitted to Santa Fe railway officials in Chicago by Glenn Jain, acting city engineer.

"We decided to combine the two improvement projects—Madrid and Torrancia Blvd.—as a WPA project because we believed such a labor job would appeal to WPA authorities," Jain said.

The engineer disclosed that his plan for taking Madrid avenue's railway cut out of the ranks of community "eye-sores" contemplates using portions of Torrancia Blvd. pavement that will be removed to build a wall on both sides of the railway right-of-way from the boulevard to El Dorado.

"This will have to be tested thoroughly," Jain said, "but I believe we can use the squares of old pavement to make the wall that will allow the widening of both sides of Madrid ave."

Council Attends to Land Affairs

On recommendation of the Associated Assessment Engineers, the city council in an adjourned session Tuesday afternoon approved the formula for fixing the valuation of tax-deeded land being purchased by the city on the basis of double the assessed valuation. This eliminates the necessity for costly appraisals and will be equitable, according to Mayor Tom McGuire. Notice that the city has approved this method has been sent the County Tax-Deeded Land committee.

Other land matters transacted by the council this week were: Adoption of resolutions (1) to accept deeds from the county for the nine tax-deeded lots purchased by the city for park purposes in West Torrance; (2) accepting deeds to two lots on El Prado adjoining the city hall purchased recently by the city for \$1,800 from a private owner; (3) asking the board of supervisors to waive taxes on those lots; and (4) releasing the Metropolitan Water District from all further obligation and responsibility in connection with the restoration of streets where extension of MWD water lines have been laid leading into Torrance.

C.I.O. Protest on Bus Purchase Filed by Council

After City Attorney John E. McCall had informed them that the city and probably individual members of the municipal board would be liable for a damage suit if the contract were cancelled, the city council Tuesday afternoon voted unanimously to file a resolution of protest against purchase of Ford buses from the local SWOC lodge, No. 1414.

However, a few minutes later Councilman George V. Powell, obviously impressed with the formidable report by the C.I.O. on the number of cases pending before various courts against the Ford Motor Company for asserted violations of labor laws, moved that the council rescind its action. The motion was lost for lack of a second.

Murray then asked: "In event that our attorney had said we could repudiate the contract we have with Schultz and Peckham for the purchase of Ford buses for our transportation system, would we have done it?" There was no response from any other member of the municipal board and the matter was dropped.

Steele Speaks for Labor

The council was meeting in an adjourned session principally to act on the SWOC lodge's resolution which demanded that the city cancel its contract to buy the buses because Ford products were proscribed by the C.I.O. President Carl Steele and Walter W. Smith, financial secretary of the lodge, urged the council to do this. Smith stated that he did not believe the local Ford dealers would penalize the city councilmen in view of the labor organization's stand and because the local firm was a "long time business establishment of high repute in the city."

Steele cited the case of the city of Newark, N. J. where the Ford dealer's bid was eliminated because of the asserted reason that the Ford Motor Company did not recognize organized labor. He termed Ford "the Hitler of Detroit" and declared "it's a well-known fact that we have union men on this council and that we have had a picket line for three years on the Ford plant in Long Beach. Surely, the council should have known our

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ANNOUNCEMENT

You'll miss Four Star Folks from their usual column today, owing to the illness of the writer, but it will be back in its regular position soon, building good will, waking up new interests among home folks and making everyone better acquainted with his Torrancia neighbors. Keep looking. We'll be with you soon.

—Contest Editor.

Dog Nips Officer Arresting Woman for Intoxication

Even when his mistress, Mrs. Lena Snooks, 48, of Wilmington, was "under the influence," a large Belgian shepherd dog was ready and willing to protect her here last Friday afternoon.

In fact, he took a couple of nips at Sergeant Percy Bennett when that officer arrested Mrs. Snooks for intoxication on East Road. The Wilmington woman called off her protector, however, and she was escorted to jail by the officer and dog. Later she was released on \$10 bail.

Business Men to Outline Program Here March 26

Presentation of a civic program, designed to benefit the entire community, will be made by officers and directors of the Torrancia Business Men's Association at a dinner-meeting-forum for all business and professional people in the city next Wednesday evening, March 26, at the Torrancia Woman's clubhouse. The dinner will start promptly at 6:30 o'clock with President Robert McCallum presiding.

"The board of directors has spent several months working out a program of community betterments and has held several consultations with representative business people to determine 'where does Torrancia go from here,'" McCallum said. "We will announce this program at the meeting next Wednesday night and hope that every business and professional man and woman in the city will be present to give his or her counsel on this effort."

Members of the Association are now canvassing the city to sell tickets to the dinner-session, at 75 cents each. Torrancia Woman's club members will serve the dinner.

Parking Limit Now Being Enforced Here

With more than 70 warnings issued, the police department is continuing its drive to acquaint motorists with the law regarding illegal parking. Police Chief John Stroh announced this week that he has instructed his officers to enforce the two-hour parking limit on Sartori ave. from Post to Cabrillo aves. and Cabrillo from Carson st. to Sartori ave. between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. Most business firms along those streets approve the parking limitation as it provides more space for patrons' cars.

First Woman Welder Here in 1917 Ready to Do Her Bit Now for Defense and British Aid

Mrs. Olca Davis Here 25 Years Next Monday

If and when women are needed for industry under the "all-out" national defense and aid for Britain announced by President Roosevelt in his momentous broadcast of last Friday night, there is at least one veteran of World War I days here who is ready to do her bit again.

She is Mrs. Olca M. Davis, who will have lived in Torrancia a quarter of a century next Monday. She was the first woman acetylene welder employed by the National Supply Co. in 1917. She worked there three years.

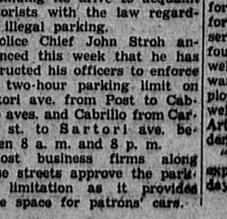
"Sure, I could be a welder again!" she said yesterday. "And there are a lot more women here who are just aching to do their part for national defense by working in factories and industrial plants. Really, the industrialists should give them a chance."

Instructed Women Workers Mrs. Davis, whose P. E. Lunsh at 2312 Dominguez ave. has been a favorite eating place for Pacific Electric shop workers for more than two score years, served as an instructor after four weeks' actual experience in welding. At one time during the war, the National Supply employed about 40 women in its welding and other departments. Arthur Hodges was superintendent of the plant then. "One of the most interesting experiences of my life was the day when Henry Ford visited here in her popular P. E. Lunsh where she is "Mom" to many shop workers.

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HERE QUARTER-CENTURY... A business woman for 21 years, Mrs. Olca M. Davis of 2312 Dominguez ave. will celebrate her 25th anniversary in Torrancia next Monday. Here she is in her popular P. E. Lunsh where she is "Mom" to many shop workers.



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MARCH OF RIMES

ONE WORD By H. F. NOAKE

Annihilation seems to face those members of the human race who live in lands where men are bent on making warfare permanent. But in the good old U.S.A., we kill folks off another way, with something worse than guns, by far, we slay 'em with the motor car. Unless a stop's put to this curse we'll all be riding in a hearse; to solve the problem, I suggest each driver make this simple test. Although my plan may sound absurd, the answer's found in just one word; instead of BUCKLE UP, you will see a change, if we'll drive WRECKLESS-LY.



INFANT IS HOUSEGUEST... Mrs. Edward Nees is shown here as she provided a special diet for her unusual weekend houseguest in Palos Verdes Estates. The baby seal appeared to enjoy his visit but has now returned to his Pacific ocean home.

'Flipper' Enjoys Two Visits at P.V. Home

Somewhere in the blue Pacific there is a baby seal who is telling the rest of his family. "Lissen, you Pinnipedias—I lived offa th' fat o' th' land last weekend in Palos Verdes Estates and, believe me, mates, my hosts sure were nice to me!"

And if his fellow seals barked their disbelief, he could have said: "Well, if you think 'em just sowsin' the seaweed, why don't you flipper up on the beach at Portofino Bend and ask Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nees if they didn't take me up to their place twice during that weekend and treat me swell!"

Provided With Basket Nees discovered the little fellow on the beach Sunday morning as he came down to take his regular morning dip. He took the baby up to his house and introduced him to Mrs. Nees and their neighbors, Mrs. Enrico Stein and Mr. and Mrs. Max Levinson of Long Island, N. Y.

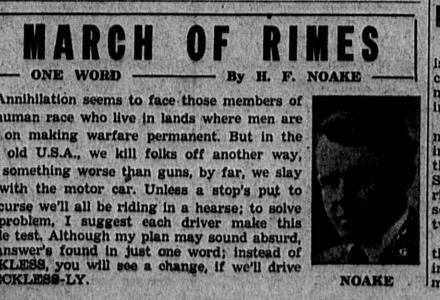
A gentle, toothless, friendly little beast, the infant seal captured the interest of everyone. He quickly learned how to "take a bottle" of warm milk and whenever someone wasn't draping him around a neck, he dozed in a basket in the patio. Even the Nees dogs regarded him as something special because they never bothered him after an initial inspection.

Named "Flipper," he was restored to the beach late Sunday afternoon but on Monday morning Nees again found him there and once more brought him up to the house. But after a day's sojourn on land, he was returned to the beach and hasn't been seen since.

Weighted 10 Pounds He was believed to have been only about a week old. Nees consulted fish and game authorities and learned that baby seals do not take to the water until they are about 18 days old. From then on they are on their own.

"Flipper" weighed about 10 pounds and his fur was as soft as the finest sealskin coats—later on he will acquire a protective coat of a harsher texture.

The Sunday school is much more highly developed in North America than on any other continent.



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